Literacy Beyond the Language Arts Classroom Irvin E. Fink, Jr.

Why is it important to get your students to become familiar with the standards?

I feel that it is important to get my students familiar with the standards for several reasons. First of all, when they are familiar with the standards they can see the reasoning behind my teaching and the work that I give them. I have had students question why I was working them so hard on a topic. I showed them what the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania expected, and they saw how I was getting them there. Knowing that their teacher is trying to prepare them for the testing that is to follow also gives them reason to trust the teacher. When students know you have their interests at heart, they are more willing to work for that teacher. Yet another reason that it is good for the students to be familiar with the standards is to ease their minds concerning the testing. If the students are familiar with the standards, and can see that they have covered them, they will not be so stressed about the testing. All the standards have been covered, they know nothing outside the standards are on the test, they are ready to go!